

108TH CONGRESS
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H. CON. RES. 337

Expressing the sense of the Congress that raising awareness and working to prevent suicide in the United States are worthy goals, and supporting the goals and ideals of National Survivors of Suicide Day, observed annually on the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 21, 2003

Mrs. KELLY submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that raising awareness and working to prevent suicide in the United States are worthy goals, and supporting the goals and ideals of National Survivors of Suicide Day, observed annually on the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

Whereas more than 29,000 people commit suicide each year in the United States, and suicide represents the 11th leading cause of death in the United States;

Whereas according to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, each time a person commits suicide, at least 6 survivors, including the family, friends, and coworkers of the victim, are intimately affected by the terrible loss;

Whereas the causes of suicide are diverse and complex, and efforts to understand and prevent suicide and to address depression must include promoting awareness and providing treatment; and

Whereas National Survivors of Suicide Day, observed annually on the Saturday before Thanksgiving, provides survivors of suicide nationwide with an opportunity to connect with each other and facilitate the grieving and healing process, and provides an opportunity to promote awareness of suicide among the people of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that—

3 (1) National Survivors of Suicide Day provides
4 a special opportunity to educate the people of the
5 United States about suicide and to work to prevent
6 suicide;

7 (2) it is appropriate to mourn the 29,000 vic-
8 tims of suicide each year and to praise the courage
9 and strength of the surviving loved ones of a victim
10 of suicide;

11 (3) national and community organizations and
12 private sector supporters should be recognized and
13 applauded for their work in promoting awareness of
14 suicide and providing treatment for depression;

15 (4) national and community organizations and
16 private sector supporters should be urged to con-
17 tinue to promote awareness of suicide and depres-

- 1 sion and to work to decrease the incidence of suicide
- 2 attempts; and
- 3 (5) Congress supports the goals and ideals of
- 4 National Survivors of Suicide Day.

